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Dear Westport Planning and Zoning Commission,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the Westport Planning and Zoning Commission's proposed text amendment to eliminate the cap on multifamily housing in our zoning regulations as discussed during your past work sessions. It is past time to eliminate this outdated rule which for decades has artificially limited the creation of a diversity of housing types in Westport and in turn created a community whose racial, ethnic and socioeconomic makeup does not reflect the reality of our state, nation and world.

I have been a resident of Westport for over 23 years and am thrilled about and proud of the movements happening on P & Z that will create a more equitable town committed to extinguishing legacy policies that have led to and perpetuated segregation within and by our town.

The proposed changes described in Dan's note below would certainly jump-start the popular and long-supported efforts to create more affordable housing for Westport's police, fire and other first responders, as well as, among many others, seniors, those who care for them, and the many restaurant and retail workers who generously help all of us every day...

With genuine appreciation for your service to our community, I strongly encourage you to act on this effort for the long-term betterment of Westport and all of us community members.

Sincerely,
Tom Tarrant
48 Myrtle Ave

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Dan Woog posted: "Changes may be ahead, on Westport's multi-family and affordable housing front. This Thursday (October 8, 6:30 p.m., online), the Planning & Zoning Commission reviews a text amendment. If adopted, it would delete the "Maximum Multi-Family Dwelling."

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by [Dan Woog](#)

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Without deleting that language, the only non-single family home development permitted in the future would be affordable units and market-rate unit units permitted in very limited regulations. All other types of development -- including townhomes, apartments and condominiums -- would no longer be allowed.



1177 Post Road East is a new apartment complex. It includes affordable units.

Planning & Zoning director Mary Young says:

The elimination of the multifamily cap will permit the Planning & Zoning Commission to continue its work diversifying housing in Westport, while retaining the predominantly single family zoning that characterizes Westport.

This text amendment does not allow multifamily development in any single family zones. Rather, it authorizes the elected Planning & Zoning Commissioners to continue to evaluate multifamily and townhome proposals in those zones where they are already permitted.

Thursday's meeting will be livestreamed on www.westportct.gov, and shown on Optimum channel 79 and Frontier channel 6020. Comments in advance of the meeting should be sent to PandZ@westportct.gov.

Comments can also be sent during the meeting when the item is under review by the Commission before public comment session ends. Comments emailed during must be sent to PandZcomments@westportct.gov. Include your full name and address, and identify the agenda item to which your comment relates.

If you would like to comments in real time during the meeting, email maryyoung@westportct.gov (before 12 noon, October 8). Include your name, address and the agenda item to which your comments will relate. Meeting participation details will be emailed to you. [Click here](#) for the full agenda.

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